



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5707

House of Representatives, April 13, 2015

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. ALBIS of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "animal adoption or animal rescue organization" means any
3 collaboration of individuals or any nonprofit organization that is
4 exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
6 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time that
7 has, as part of such collaboration's or organization's purposes, the sale
8 or placement of animals that were removed from animal shelters,
9 municipal dog pounds or an individual's home.
- 10 (b) Each constituent unit of the state system of higher education,
11 each public institution of higher education and each independent
12 institution of higher education shall offer for adoption by an animal

13 adoption or animal rescue organization any cat or dog that such
14 constituent unit or institution of higher education possesses for the
15 purpose of conducting research or testing provided such offer occurs
16 after the completion of any such research or testing, such research or
17 testing does not require the destruction of such cat or dog and such
18 animal is no longer needed by such constituent unit or institution of
19 higher education. Any constituent unit of higher education or
20 institution of higher education that is required to offer a cat or dog for
21 adoption pursuant to this section may enter into an agreement with an
22 animal adoption or animal rescue organization for the purpose of
23 complying with the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires institutions of higher education to offer dogs and cats used for research for adoption. No state or municipal fiscal impact is anticipated.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5707*****AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES THAT CONDUCT RESEARCH USING CATS OR DOGS TO OFFER SUCH CATS OR DOGS TO ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS PRIOR TO EUTHANIZING ANY SUCH CAT OR DOG.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires public and private higher education institutions, under certain circumstances, to offer any cat or dog on which they have conducted research or testing to an animal adoption or rescue organization for adoption. An offer for adoption must only occur when the (1) research or testing is complete, (2) destruction of the animal is not required, and (3) animal is no longer needed by the institution.

The bill allows the institutions to enter into agreements with the adoption or rescue organizations for this purpose. It specifies that these organizations include a collaboration of individuals or a nonprofit organization whose purposes include selling or placing animals that were removed from animal shelters, municipal dog pounds, or homes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 1 (03/25/2015)